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Applicant: VOLKMAN ET AL. Examiner: UNKNOWN
Serial No.: 09/904,183 Group Art Unit: UNKNOWN
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Due Date: NOVEMBER 27, 2001
Title: GARDENING STOOL

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By: Judith Tessa

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We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27
- Signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- Request for Extension of Time for one month(s) and fee of \$55.00
- Submission of Substitute Drawings, 8 Sheets of Substitute Drawings
- Check(s) in the amount of \$477.00 for deferred filing fee (\$412); missing parts surcharge (\$65)
- Other: Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application - Part 2
- Return postcard

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

01/22/2002 TV0111 00000001 132725 09904183 **FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

01 FC:202 40.00 CH *Filing Date Granted*
02 FC:203 18.00 CH

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$355 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27) \$370
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is ~~\$40~~ *\$42*
~~\$40~~ *\$42* for 1 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is ~~\$460~~ *\$477.00*

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:

- Drawings must be in dark ink (not pencil), except where color drawings or photographs are permitted.

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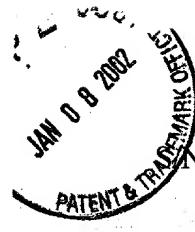
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Judith Tess

SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE DRAWINGS

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith are 8 sheets of substitute drawings for completion of this application, and in compliance with the requirements of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed August 27, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,



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